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SUBJECT : DEVELOPMENTS IN TOURE FEUD WITH SENGHOR HOUPHOUET

1. SENEGALESE EMBASSY PERSONNEL DEPARTED CONAKRY SEPT 25, EVEN THOUGH GUINEANS IN DAKAR HAD NOT RETURNED EVENING SEPT 24, AS SENEGALESE HERE EXPECTED. GUINEAN FOREIGN MINISTER PUBLISHED TELEGRAM TO HIS SENEGALESE HOMOLOGUE SEPT 24, STATING GUINEA'S INDIGNATION THAT THEIR EMBASSY PERSONNEL NOT BEING ALLOWED LEAVE DAKAR. SENEGALESE EMBOFF INFORMED US BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE THAT MAIN PROBLEM IS DEBTS GUINEAN EMBASSY AND PERSONNEL HAVE RUN UP IN DAKAR.

2. TWO MORE "CONFESSIONS" BY ALLEGED MERCENARIES HAVE BEEN BROADCAST HERE. FIRST WAS BY SENEGALESE OF MALIAN ORIGIN, MOHAMED DIARA, WHO CONFESSED TO MAKING RECONNAISSANCE OF GUINEAN FRONTIERS ON BEHALF OF SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT, WHICH PLANNING INVASION. CONFESSION WAS TAPED IN FRENCH AND WOLOF, BUT LATTER WAS HIGHLY ACCENTED IN WAY NO SENEGALESE WOULD SPEAK, ACCORDING TO SENEGALESE EMBOFF. DIARA WAS OBVIOUSLY READING HIS "CONFESSION".

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3. MORE DETAILED "CONFESSION" WAS FROM ONE OUSMANE BAH, A SENEGALESE, WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN RECRUITED BY SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT FOR SIMILAR RECON WORK, AND TO HAVE VISITED MERCENARY TRAINING CAMP IN CAPE VERDE ISLANDS WHERE COURSES WERE CONDUCTED BY OFFICERS FROM BRITAIN, FRANCE, WEST GERMANY, ISRAEL, THE U.S., AND SOUTH AFRICA. MERCENARIES WERE OF

VARIOUS NATIONALITIES, WITH PREVIOUS SERVICE IN KATANGA AND BIAFRA, AND "ESPECIALLY IN VIETNAM". EQUIPMENT WAS SUPPLIED BY BRITISH, FRENCH, GERMANS, AND SOUTH AFRICANS. "CONFESSION" LISTED ALL LEADING GUINEAN EXILES IN PLOTS, SENEGALESE OFFICIALS INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER WHO ALLEGEDLY WORKED WITH THEM, AND MENTIONED MERCENARY BASES IN SENEGAL AND IVORY COAST.

4. TOURE OFFERED ANOTHER OF HIS ANTI-SENGHOR HARANGUES TO MASS MEETING OF GUINEAN WOMEN SEPT 21, IN WHICH HE OFTEN TARGETTED ON HOUPHOUET, WHO HAS NOW BEEN REINSTATED IN TOURE'S HALL OF HORRORS. ALSO FOR THE UMPTEENTH TIME TOURE DENOUNCED HOUPHOUET FOR HIS ARREST SOME YEARS AGO OF THEN GUINEAN FORNMIN BEAVOGUI WHO WAS ON PLANE THAT LANDED ABIDJAN EN ROUTE TO NY. TOURE COMMENTED THAT EVEN WHEN CASTRO REPRESENTATIVES TO TO NEW YORK TO DENOUNCE "U.S. IMPERIALISTS" THEY NOT TREATED THIS WAY BY USG.

5. COMMENT: CURRENT SERIES OF ATTACKS MAY HAVE BEGUN BECAUSE OF NEED JUSTIFY NON-ATTENDANCE AT ALGIERS CONFERENCE, BUT A MOMENTUM HAS NOW DEVELOPED AND TOURE SOUNDS LIKE HE BELIEVES EVERY WORD OF THESE CONFESSIONS, DOCUMENTS, AND THE OTHER ACCUSATIONS AGAINST SENGHOR AND HOUPHOUET WHICH TOURE HAS MADE IN HIS OWN SPEECHES. BY NOT RECIPROCATING SENGHOR'S BREAK IN RELATIONS TOURE STRESSED HIS CONTINUING CLAIM OF TIES TO THE SENEGALESE PEOPLE, AND TRIED OBVIOUSLY TO MAKE HIS CASE MORE REASONABLE TO HIS BROTHER AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE. NOBODY EXCEPT PERHAPS TOURE SEEMS TO HAVE AN IDEA OF WHEN PRESENT BINGE WILL END.
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